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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNED BUREAU MEETING AT HAVANA

REF: GEORGETOWN 0270; USUN 621

1. I SPOKE AGAIN TO FONMIN RAMPHAL ON MARCH 8 ABOUT NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM) BUREAU MEETING. HE SAID AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO HOLD MEETING WEEK OF MARCH 17 AND THAT HE WOULD BE ATTENDING AS GUYANA REPRESENTATIVE ALONG WITH GUYANESE AMBASSADOR TO UN RASHLEIGH JACKSON.

2. I DECIDED TO TAKE BULL BY HORNS ON PUERTO RICO ISSUE AND SAID THAT WE HAD GOTTEN WIND OF POSSIBILITY THAT THE CUBANS MIGHT RAISE PUERTO RICA ISSUE AGAIN AT HAVANA. RAMPHAL SAID HE HAD HEARD NOTHING TO THIS EFFECT, BUT AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE AND INAPPROPRIATE AS WELL AS INCONSISTENT WITH APPARENT CUBAN THRUST OF RETURNING TO NORMALCY IN RELATIONS WITH USG.
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3. RAMPHAL SAID THAT THE CARIBBEAN COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES FACE THE SAME PROBLEM IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONTINUING LACK OF DESIRE ON THE PART OF THE "ASSOCIATED STATES" FOR FULL INDEPENDENCE. HE SAID THAT SELF-DETERMINATION HAS GOT TO BE UNDERSTOOD TO DEPEND ON THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE CONCERNED AND THAT ONE CANNOT DRAG PEOPLE LIKE THE PUERTO RICANS BY THE HEELS TOWARD INDEPENDENCE. HE SAID THE RECORD IS CLEAR THAT POLITICAL PARTIES ADVOCATING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE MORE THAN A SMALL FRACTION OF THE POPULAR VOTE.

4. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID THAT WHILE HE WOULD TRY TO STEER THE NAM BUREAU IN THE DIRECTION OF MODERATION IT WOULD NOT BE EASY SINCE ISSUES OF THIS KIND ARE ALWAYS COMPLICATED BY LOG ROLLING REGARDING ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE BROADER MEMBERSHIP OF THE NAM.
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